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1. Two new 8,000-foot landing strips are under construction at Harbin. Special construction crews were brought there by rail from Mukden. The construction superintendent made the statement, "These strips will handle anything up to 100,000 pounds on each wheel." The concrete surface of these strips is 21 inches thick and is laid over a rock base.
2. Two new 8,000-foot landing strips are being constructed at Tsitsihar by Japanese POW's under Soviet supervision. This construction was begun on 2 April. The concrete surface of these strips is 24 inches thick and is laid over a rock base. There are 2,000 POW laborers engaged in this construction. There are 50,000 tons of aviation gasoline stored at Tsitsihar, with 20 U. S. 50-caliber machine guns, brought from Korea, mounted by the gasoline storage tanks. On 2 April 3 tank cars of aviation gasoline were sent from Tsitsihar for Penki* and on 4 April a second shipment of 10 tank cars was sent over the same route.
3. Two new 8,000-foot landing strips are being constructed at Penki, with the same type of construction as at Harbin and Tsitsihar.

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